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1. AT APRIL 3 TRIPARTITE MEETING FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) REPORTED RECEIPT OF FURTHER INFORMATION FROM PARIS ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS. PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OF INVITATION FROM PODGORNÝ BUT, BOISSIEU SAID, NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN AS TO REPLY. PRESENT THINKING, HOWEVER, IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) PARIS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SEND "OFFICIAL" DELEGATION, I.E., NO ONE IN DELEGATION WILL BE MEMBER OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT. CURRENT CANDIDATE TO LEAD DELEGATION OF 3 TO 5 PERSONS IS GENERAL PIERRE BILLOTTE, WHO WAS INTER ALIA LT. COL. IN SOVIET ARMY 41-42, DE GAULLE'S PERSONAL REP IN MOSCOW DURING PART OF WAR, DEFENSE MINISTER, AND STILL GAULLIST DEPUTY IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND

B) PARIS WILL AGREE TO SENDING OF VETERANS GROUPS TO MOSCOW BUT, EXCEPT FOR DELEGATION IN A ABOVE, NOTHING MORE.

2. REGARDING INVITATIONS FOR "NORMAL MAY 8" EVENTS IN FRANCE, BOISSIEU SAID PARIS WOULD INVITE AMBASSADORS OF "WARTIME UN" COUNTRIES. NO VETERANS FROM EES WOULD BE INVITED, BUT ESTABLISHED VETERANS' EXCHANGES, E.G. BELGIAN-FRENCH, WOULD CONTINUE. BOISSIEU SAID AMBASSADORS FROM BOTH GERMANY'S HAD BEEN INVITED FOR NOV 11 PARIS CEREMONY LAST YEAR BUT HE WAS NOT SURE IF SUCH INVITATIONS WOULD BE MADE FOR MAY 8.

3. BOISSIEU CONFIRMED THAT FRANCE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN NO EVENTS ON GERMAN TERRITORY AND SAID FRENCH AMBASSADORS IN EES WOULD CONSULT IN EACH CASE WITH UK AND US AMBASSADORS BEFORE REPLYING TO INVITATIONS FOR V-E DAY CEREMONIES THERE. FOR INVITATIONS FROM THIRD STATES NOT INVOLVED IN THE WAR, PARIS HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE THAT FRENCH OFFICIALS WILL NOT ACCEPT BUT WILL CONSULT ON SPOT WITH UK AND US EMBASSIES.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT FRENCH REP HAD RAISED SUBJECT AND PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION, US REP INFORMED FRENCH AND BRITISH OF INFORMATION REFTEL A WHICH USNATO HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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